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MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Honorable Vincent C. Gray

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM:

Natwar M. Gandhi

Chief Financial Officer

DATE:

January 11, 2010

SUBJECT:

Fiscal Impact Statement – "DC Circulator Bus Jurisdiction

Expansion Amendment Act of 2010"

REFERENCE:

Bill Number 18-489 - Committee Print

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation does not have an impact on the District's budget and financial plan.

Background

The proposed legislation would authorize DC Circulator to operate outside the District of Columbia¹ and prevent DC Circulator from taking over any routes currently operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) for eight months after the legislation is enacted.² In addition, the proposed legislation would require DC Circulator to submit an operations report to the Council six months after the initiation of service outside of the District. The report must include statistics on overall ridership, passenger origin and destination, bus stop utilization, and operating and capital costs. The report must also include an estimate from WMATA on the cost of extending the 38B bus route to Dupont Circle and adding a new 38A bus route between Rosslyn and Dupont Circle.

¹ Future scheduled bus service operated by DC Circulator from Dupont Circle to Rosslyn, Virginia, would not deviate significantly from the Georgetown Metro Connection bus route operated by the Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID). Currently, the District provides a grant to the Georgetown BID to pay for the operation of the Georgetown Metro Connection shuttle.

² By amending the Department of Transportation Establishment Act of 2002, effective May 7, 2002, (D.C. Law 14-137; D.C. Official Code § 50-921.01 *et seq.*) as amended by District Department of Transportation DC Circulator Amendment Act of 2006, effective March 6, 2007 (D.C. Law 16-225; D.C. Official Code § 50-921(a))

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Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation does not have an impact on the District's budget and financial plan.